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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In January 2004, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **five (5) recalls relating to products affecting children.**

Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128.**

Following is a listing of the 5 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ Graco Children's Products Inc. is recalling Bumble Bee Toys with Blue Antennae. #04-064
- ❖ Kindermusik International is recalling "Lily Pad Clacker" Instruments.
- ❖ K'NEK Industries is recalling Children's Toys. #04-065
- ❖ Curiosity Kits Inc. is recalling Discovery Kids Pottery Wheel Kits Sold at Discovery Channel Stores.
- ❖ Hasbro Inc. is recalling NERF® Big Play Football. #04-074

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

# KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE

**Release Number:** 04-064 Graco Children's Products, Inc. of Exton, PA is voluntarily recalling about 398,000 Bumble Bee Toys with blue antennae sold with certain Graco high chairs and Graco mobile entertainers, and also sold separately as an accessory and replacement part. All Bumble Bee toys with blue antennae distributed by Graco are included in this recall. Specifically, Bumble Bee toys with blue antennae were distributed with Graco High Chair model numbers 3656CUB, 3658FKB, 3659KER, 3659NGS, 3660WNN and 35605 manufactured between July 22, 2002 and March 9, 2003, and Graco Tot Wheels Mobile Entertainer models 4522OTM, 4522TOTM, 4521ALP, 35628 and 4512FUN manufactured between November 8, 2001 and March 9, 2003. Bumble Bee toys with blue antennae were also distributed separately as an accessory and a replacement part with model number 548094S. Bumble Bee toys with yellow or black antennae are not affected. Discount, department and juvenile product stores sold them from November 2001 through March 2003 on high chairs and mobile entertainers for between \$39 and \$89, and individually, as accessories, for \$5.

Toys were made in China.

**Problem:** The blue antennae on the Bumble Bee toy can break, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should discard immediately any Bumble Bee toys with blue antennae in their possession and contact Graco at (800) 258-3213 anytime to receive a free replacement toy.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04064.html>

**Release Information:** Kindermusik International, of Browns Summit, N.C is voluntarily recalling

about 430 "Lily Pad Clacker" Instruments. The Lily Pad Clackers are wooden rhythm instruments designed for use with the Frog Went A-Dancing kit sold by Do-Re-Me & You!, a Kindermusik affiliate. The recalled instrument is 5.25 inches long, and is made of wood. It has two green "lily pads" that are connected to the base by a string. The Clackers were sold as part of a music kit. Do-Re-Me & You! consultants in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Texas sold them from October 2003 through December 2003 for about \$30 for the music kit. They were manufactured in India.

**Problem:** The green coating on the Lily Pad Clacker instruments contain high levels of lead, posing a risk of poisoning to young children.

**What to do:** Return the Lily Pad Clackers to Kindermusik International in the postage paid box provided by the firm. Kindermusik will replace the product with a product of comparable value. Contact Kindermusik at (800) 628-5687 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at [www.drmy.com](http://www.drmy.com). Consumers also can e-mail the firm at [lilypad@kindermusik.com](mailto:lilypad@kindermusik.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04531.html>

**Release Number:** 04-065 K'NEX Industries Inc., of Hatfield, Pa is voluntarily recalling about 14,000 "Mud Boppers" and "Street Shredders" Pump Up Racers. The recalled K'NEX Pump Up Racers come in two models: the "Mud Bopper," which has a yellow car body and the "Street Shredder," which has a red car body. Both models have a date code beginning with 7803, which is located on the bottom of the air motor, directly under the name "K'NEX Industries Inc." The toy cars come with a pump attachment that helps

project the car forward. Toys R Us, Wal-Mart, and Target stores nationwide sold the toys between November 2003 and December 2003 for about \$10. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The air motor in the toy cars can burst while being pumped up, causing parts of the motor or car to break off. Some of these parts can have sharp points and pose a risk of eye or laceration injuries.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop children from using these toy cars immediately and contact the company for a free replacement air motor or alternative product. Call K'NEX Industries at (800) 543-5639 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or log on to the company's Web site at [www.knex.com](http://www.knex.com).



**Mud Bogger**  
#11004



**Street Shredder**  
#11002

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04065.html>

**Release Information:** Curiosity Kits Inc. of Hunt Valley, Md. is voluntarily recalling about 150 Discovery Kids Imaginative Arts Pottery Wheel Kits. Only pottery wheel kits sold during October 2003 with SKU #690974 printed on the white UPC price label attached to the back lower right hand corner of the box are included in this recall. Pottery Wheel Kits sold after October 2003 with different SKU #'s are not included in this recall. Kits were sold at Discovery Channel stores and catalogs, and on <http://shopping.discovery.com> during October 2003 for about \$40. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The brown clay contained in the Pottery Wheel kits could contain excess levels of bacteria, posing a risk of illness to users.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the pottery wheel kits and return the kits to any Discovery Channel store, or contact Discovery Channel stores' customer service, to receive a full refund or credit of the \$39.95 purchase price or a replacement Pottery Wheel Kit and a \$5 Discovery Channel store gift certificate. Contact Discovery Channel stores at (800) 373-7706 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at <http://shopping.discovery.com>



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04533.html>

**Release Number:** 04-074 Hasbro Inc., of Pawtucket, R.I. is voluntarily recalling about 294,000 NERF® Big Play Football™. The NERF® Big Play Football™ is a red and silver NERF football with a silver flip-open top that reveals an erasable writing pad to plan football plays on in the center of the ball. The NERF name, an NFL logo and a large black "X" are on the silver region of the football. Mike Vick's signature in red also is written on the football, and his photo is on the packaging. Toys R Us, Wal-Mart, Target, KB Toys stores and other toy retailers nationwide sold them from August 2003 to January 2004 for about \$10. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The football contains a hard plastic interior frame that can pose a risk of facial cuts if a child is hit during play. Consumers should stop using this football immediately and return it to the company for a replacement NERF product of equal value. Hasbro will provide consumers with a postage-prepaid label to return the product. Consumers should contact Hasbro, Inc. at (866) 637-3244 anytime, or go to [www.nerf.com](http://www.nerf.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04074.html>

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Please be sure to provide your name, telephone number and e-mail address.

If you have any questions or want to file a complaint regarding an unsafe product, contact:

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